

traumatic to the joint. This successful BEAR Surgery paves the way for improved outcomes, as it is expected to decrease the risk of re-injury and injuries to the opposite knee, feelings of post-recovery abnormality, and arthritis caused by the ACL injury.

In Central New York, Dr. Marc Pietropaoli and the Victory Sports Medicine are on the cutting edge of orthopedic procedures. The successful BEAR procedure is among a long list of achievements this team has had and represents a new era of repairing ACL tears.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing Dr. Marc Pietropaoli and the Victory Sports Medicine team for performing the first fully FDA approved BEAR Surgery in the United States.

IN HONOR OF JEFF AZZOPARDI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor South San Francisco Police Chief Jeff Azzopardi on the occasion of his retirement. After almost 30 years of service with the department, Chief Azzopardi has decided that it is time for a new chapter in his life that will allow him to spend more time with his family.

I had the great honor to work with Chief Azzopardi since he was appointed in 2014. One of the more memorable occasions was a press conference in 2017 in which we announced the first-ever conviction for human trafficking in San Mateo County. That success reflected the outstanding collaboration of law enforcement, elected officials, and nonprofit organizations on the local, state, and federal level. Chief Azzopardi played an essential role in that collaboration.

Jeff Azzopardi was hired as a police recruit for the South San Francisco Police Department and sworn in as an officer in 1993. From there he rose through the ranks of K-9 officer, S.W.A.T. officer, school community liaison officer, police corporal, criminal investigations bureau officer, police sergeant, community relations sergeant, police lieutenant, criminal investigations bureau commander, and police captain. After the retirement of former Chief Mike Massoni in 2014, the department conducted a nationwide search and selected Jeff Azzopardi as its new chief in September of that year. No matter the role, Jeff is dedicated to the safety and well-being of our community. He leads by example and always strives for excellence.

During his time with the department, he successfully completed the Inner Perspectives Leadership Program, LAPD Leadership Program, and POST Executive Development course. He holds a number of certifications from the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. He also is the former president of the San Mateo County Commanders Group, the president of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, and the Chief of the North Central Regional S.W.A.T. Team and Commissioner for the South San Francisco Commission on Racial and Social Equity. Chief Azzopardi understands the importance of community relations and has been a leader on several community oriented policing projects. He tirelessly

emphasized the importance of building bridges between his department and our community.

His outstanding service did not go unnoticed. He received numerous awards and honors, including a certificate of commendation from the police department for his work as a sexual assault investigator, a certificate of commendation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, a lifetime achievement award from the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Carl Valero Lifetime Achievement Award from Pacifica American Little League, and Police Officer of the Year from the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association.

Born in San Francisco, Jeff attended Terra Nova High School in Pacifica and then received his Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Chico State University and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Notre Dame de Namur University.

As South San Francisco's Top Cop is leaving his post, he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 21 years, Nikole, and their sons Nate and Drew.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me to thank Chief Azzopardi for keeping South San Francisco one of the safest and most innovative cities in the Bay Area. His exemplary leadership has earned him the respect and adoration of his colleagues and South City residents. His contributions over the last three decades will outlast his service.

RECOGNIZING CHAIRMAN CURTIS W. CRANDALL ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Curtis W. Crandall, Chairman, on his retirement from the Allegany County Legislature.

Chairman Crandall was appointed to the Legislature on March 13, 2000 to replace Alton Saylor. His service continued for nearly twenty-two years, sixteen of which were as Chairman. He was Majority Leader for one year, in 2005, before obtaining the Chairmanship. In his years of dedication to Allegany County, Chairman Crandall was a member of every committee, acting in various leadership roles including Chair of the Special Budget Committee in 2016 and 2017.

Chairman Crandall has been active on Advisory Boards throughout his tenure as well. Over the years, he served on the Citizens Advisory Council to the Office for the Aging from February 2003 to January 2006, Public Safety Building Planning Committee from January to December 2005, Court Facilities Financial Impact Ad Hoc Committee from November through December 2008, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Group from October 2008 through December 2009, and continues longstanding terms of service on the Broadband Task Force, Crossroads Development Advisory Committee, and Radio Communications Task Force. Additionally, Chairman Crandall has been the ex-officio member of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Economic Development Board since January of 2006.

Chairman Crandall worked tirelessly for his constituents, and we are thankful for his efforts in reducing the county property tax rate for many consecutive years. Chairman Crandall's commitment to his community goes above and beyond as shown through his volunteer work with the Lions Club, Boy Scouts of America, and Farm Bureau, just to name a few.

As a successful entrepreneur and businessman of over forty years, a loyal member of the Legislature, faithful volunteer and a loving husband, father and grandfather, we applaud his valued leadership and dedicated service as he moves forward in the next chapter of his life.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me in recognizing Allegany County Legislative Chairman, Curtis W. Crandall, on his longstanding service and retirement. Congratulations on this tremendous milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MARYAM ANSARI MEHRAN

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Maryam Ansari Mehran.

Maryam Ansari Mehran was born in Tehran, Iran in 1922 to Monavar and General Mahmoud Ansari. Maryam graduated from the American College in Tehran and shortly after married Masud Mehran. The couple then decided to come to the United States in pursuit of new opportunities. Maryam and Masud arrived in New York City in 1943 and later moved to California.

Maryam's entrepreneurial spirit was evident to all who knew her. In 1951, Maryam and Masud founded Sunset Development Company. The company was responsible for the development of more than one third of homes in Livermore, California. Maryam was also very interested in design. She graduated from the Rudolph Schaeffer School of Design and went on to start a custom clothing business.

In her personal life, Maryam was also deeply passionate about her community. She was a strong supporter of the Contra Costa Food Bank, helping those in need. Her love for her family was also clear. She enjoyed tending her garden for her family to enjoy.

Sadly, Maryam passed away in November of this year. Maryam is survived by her son Alex, her granddaughters Diana, Lacey and Annabel, her grandsons Mark, Rawley and Alexander and eleven great grandchildren. She was a cherished member of our community and will be remembered for her intelligence, compassion, and perseverance. Please join me in honoring Maryam for her many contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING MR. SCOTT BOHN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition and appreciate of Mr.